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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NEED FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT

REF: LUSAKA 3901

1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW STATED REFTEL ON THE NEED FOR
A CLEAR PUBLIC STATEMENT REITERATING FIRM UK/US SUPPORT
FOR OUR PROPOSALS AS THE BEST SOLUTION AVAILABLE, AS WELL
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AS OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT
FROM THE PARTIES BASED ON THEIR PRINCIPLES.

2. WE HAD HOPED TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH A STATEMENT AT THE
TIME WE ANNOUNCED PF AGREEMENT TO FURTHER TALKS. AS
YOU ARE AWARE, MUGABE'S INITIAL REACTION THAT INVITATION
HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE. IN ADDITION, THE SITUATION

HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT FURTHER COMPLICATED BY REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS, SUGGESTING THAT AN AGREEMENT MAY BE NEAR.

3. WHILE WE AGREE, THEREFORE, ON THE NEED FOR A STATEMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PEG IT TO DEVELOPMENTS, AND IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO WAIT A FEW DAYS FOR SITUATION TO CLARIFY. WHEN SUCH A STATEMENT IS MADE, WE EXPECT TO TIE IT EITHER TO OUR RESPONSE TO THE PF OR

OUR COMMENT ON THE INTERNAL RHODESIAN SITUATION. VANCE

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